

whatever. But he still, this is still giving him the opportunity at this time to do away with the entire commission and appoint an entirely new commission. It says right here, in statute, "The Governor shall appoint all members within forty-five days after the operative date of this act." So when this act is operative, this governor will be able to appoint an entirely new commission within 45 days. And I think that's something that we should consider here in the Legislature. I hope you've had time to, to take a chance to look at this. I know it's kind of starting at seventy miles an hour from zero to seventy in a very short period of time, but I think it's significant enough for this, every individual in this body to be aware of and I hope that you'll consider adopting my amendment which would strike this section and we would go ahead and those individuals would be up at their appropriate time in their term and whoever's governor at that time would be allowed to appoint a new individual or retain that individual. It just kind of keep things as they are instead of allowing this governor to do so. I do have to say again that if you look at the opposition to the...the opponents to this bill, the Nebraskans for Peace, the Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission, the Association for the Advancement of Colored People, I mean, you can go on and on and on through the group of people who are in opposition to the bill itself, the original bill itself. And I understand their concerns, but my concerns, while they may be somewhat the same, are still, when Senator Chambers talks about it and I do have to agree with him, you're putting an awful lot of...

SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...political, potential political abuse or power, whatever you want to call it, into the hands of that individual. This is a unique commission. It is not a service commission. If you're talking about consolidating some service areas out there, I'm with you 100 percent. I can see the efficiency and the effectiveness of doing so. But consolidating the EEOC in any form other than what it is right now, a form for mediation, an opportunity for mediation is, I don't think it's politically, ethically a good thing to do although you might see some political advantages, I do not. If we go with the recommendations of the executive summary of the investigation of the EEOC and you look at, Senator Warner, I believe it was 20 that you were making reference to, not 24, but the recommendation was that the Legislature should restructure the